issues relating to proposed amendments in the Indian Patent Law including those relating to compulsory licensing in the light of the Doha Declaration on TRIPs and Public Health. The Patents Act, 1970 read with the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999, as reported by the Joint Committee of Parliament, contains adequate provisions including those relating to compulsory licensing to safeguard national interest and public health.

Recovery in core sector

4278. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the core sector have shown signs of recovery;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of recovery industry-wise in the year 2001-2002 in comparison to the previous year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that crude petroleum sector has shown decline, if so, to what extent;

(d) what are the reasons for decline in the above sector; and

(e) by when, it will be possible to attain steady growth all over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The six infrastructure industries namely, Crude Petroleum, Petroleum Refinery Products, Cement, Finished steel, Coal and Electricity have registered higher growth rate since December 2001 *vis-a-vis* corresponding months of the last year. The comparative growth rates achieved by these six industries since December, 2001 are given below:

Month	Growth Rate (%)	
	2000-01	2001-02
December	2.7	4.1
January	1.6	5.8
February	-1.0	4.7
March	0.4	4.6

(c) and (d) The Crude petroleum sector has registred growth of-1.2 per cent during 2001 -02 as against 1.5 per cent achieve during 2000-01. The reasons for this declining trend are mainly unit specific and include socio-environment problems, reservoir problems, less gains from exploratory wells, fire, line leakages, increase in water cut, bandhs and miscreant activities.

(e) The steady overall growth hinges on the pace with which the domestic demand improves and the recovery in global economy takes place. There are signs of recovery in some industries, besides recovery signals in the U.S. economy during the last few months.

Growth Centre at Pauri District

† 4279. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Part (a) and (b) of Unstarred Question 954 in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 2001 and state:

(a) the details provided by the State Government of Uttaranchal against the letters dated the 23rd January, 2001 and the 23rd July, 2001 of Central Government with regard to sanctioned Development Centre for Pauri District;

(b) whether project report has been submitted by the State Government; and

(c) if so, by when this Centre will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) The State Government has informed that alternate site at Shiggadi in Pauri in place of Padampur, Kotdwar has been identified and detailed study for setting up a Growth Centre is being conducted by the State of Uttaranchal.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.